

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0987-01
Bill No.: HB 302
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Science and Technology.
Type: Original
Date: March 3, 2003

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
| None | | | |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
| None | | | |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP)** state the proposal would establish a statewide crime laboratory system. The MHP states that based on insufficient information in the proposal, they are unable to determine an accurate fiscal impact. Therefore, the MHP assumes an unknown fiscal impact to the General Revenue Fund resulting from this proposal.

Officials from **Missouri Southern State College (MSSC)** state that there are currently fourteen operational crime laboratories in Missouri:

- Missouri State Highway Patrol: Central Lab in Jefferson City as well as satellite labs in Macon, Park Hills, Springfield, Willow Springs and St. Joseph
- Kansas City Regional Lab
- St. Louis Metropolitan Police Lab.
- St. Louis County Crime Lab
- SEMO Regional CrimeLab (Cape Girardeau)

ASSUMPTION (continued)

MSSC Regional Crime Lab (Joplin)
Northeast Regional Crime Lab (Kirksville)
Independence Police Dept. Crime Lab
St. Charles Co. Crimalistics Lab (St. Charles)

The MHP Labs are totally state funded. The other laboratories receive some state funding, but are principally supported by the agencies which they serve. (In our Lab, approximately forty per cent of our operational expenses are currently funded through two grants administered through the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and approximately sixty per cent of our operational costs must be generated through annual contractual assessments of approximately forty-five criminal justice agencies the Laboratory facility serves).

Most, if not all, of the state Laboratories have case backlogs because of under-staffing due to limited funding and rapid turn-around-times expected by the courts. MSSC assumes that additional State funding for the current Laboratories will be much less expensive than creating a new system. The State of Missouri currently has a laboratory within no more than 2 hours from most criminal justice agencies. An additional laboratory may be needed in some select areas to support the current system.

Officials from the **Kansas City Police Department, Independence Police Department, St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Springfield Police Department, Southeast Missouri State University and Southeast Missouri State University** did not respond to our request for fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes the Department of Public Safety shall develop and establish the statewide crime laboratory system. Until the system has been established by DPS, Oversight has no basis for determining if this proposal would result in a net savings or a net loss to state or local funds. Therefore, for fiscal note purposes, Oversight has reflected the impact resulting from this proposal to be zero.

Oversight notes that there is no "Springfield regional crime laboratory" as stated in the proposal as being part of the new network. Oversight assumes that if the intent of the proposal is to establish a Springfield regional crime laboratory, then there could be significant costs.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government

FY 2004
(10 Mo.)

FY 2005

FY 2006

RAS:LR:OD (12/02)

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2004
(10 Mo.)

FY 2005

FY 2006

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal establishes the Statewide Crime Laboratory System, a network of the state's crime labs that can assist local law enforcement in processing evidence in criminal cases. The entity will consist of the State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory; the Southeast Missouri Regional Crime Lab; the Missouri Southern State College Police Academy Regional Crime Lab; and the crime labs of the law enforcement entities in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, Kansas City, and Springfield. The entity will also coordinate funding between federal, state, regional, and local agencies.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol

RAS:LR:OD (12/02)

Missouri Southern State College

NOT RESPONDING: **Kansas City Police Department, Independence Police
Department, St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis County
Sheriff's Office, Springfield Police Department, Southeast
Missouri State University and Southeast Missouri State
University**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mickey Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MICKEY WILSON, CPA
DIRECTOR
MARCH 3, 2003